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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*) (E/2007/2/Rev.1/Add.1)

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect members to fill the three outstanding vacancies from the Group of African States on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.

2. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States.

3. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Algeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.*

Statistical Commission (E/2007/9)

6. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

7. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the Sudan and Togo had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Lebanon and Oman had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus and Lithuania had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Honduras had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

8. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *Belarus, Honduras, Lebanon, Lithuania, Oman, the Sudan, Togo and the United States of America were elected members of the Statistical Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

Commission on Population and Development (E/2007/9)

11. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members to the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-second session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of its forty-fifth session, in 2012.

12. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Japan and Kazakhstan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Croatia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and Colombia had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

13. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. *Colombia, Croatia, Japan and Kazakhstan were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-second session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of its forty-fifth session, in 2012.*

16. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member from the Group of Western European and other States to the Commission on Population and Development to fill an outstanding vacancy, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of its forty-fourth session, in 2011.

17. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

18. **The President** said that he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidate proposed.

19. *It was so decided.*

20. *Spain was elected a member of the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of its forty-fourth session, in 2011.*

21. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Population and Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from the Group of African States and two members from the Group of Western European and other States.

22. *It was so decided.*

Commission for Social Development (E/2006/9)

23. **The President** invited the Council to elect 15 members to the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session, in 2012.

24. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Ghana, Senegal and the Sudan had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, El Salvador and Guatemala had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France, Germany and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

25. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

26. *It was so decided.*

27. *Argentina, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sudan and the United States of America were elected members of the Commission for Social Development for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session, in 2012.*

28. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission for Social Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States and one member from the Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning at the Commission's forty-seventh session and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session.

29. *It was so decided.*

30. **The President** indicated that a further vacancy remained on the Commission for one member from the Group of Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2011.

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2007/9)

31. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-sixth session, in 2012.

32. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Eritrea and Senegal had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and India had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Sweden and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

33. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

34. *It was so decided.*

35. *China, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Haiti, India, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sweden and the United States of America were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-third session, in 2008, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-sixth session, in 2012.*

Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/2007/9)

36. **The President** invited the Council to elect 33 members to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

37. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Botswana, Ethiopia, Morocco, Uganda and the Sudan had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen had been nominated by the Group of Asian States; the Czech Republic, Lithuania and Moldova had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Cuba, El Salvador, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States. The Secretariat had been officially informed of the withdrawal of Brazil's candidacy.

38. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was less than or equal to the number of vacancies for the groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

39. *It was so decided.*

40. *Argentina, Austria, Botswana, China, Cuba, the Czech Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, the Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Yemen were elected members of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

41. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of two members from the Group of African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

42. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/2007/9)

43. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term which would begin at the organizational meeting of the Commission's seventeenth session, in 2008, and expire at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session, in 2011.

44. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Gabon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi and Namibia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Estonia and Romania had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, Canada, Germany and Israel had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

45. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was less than or equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

46. *It was so decided.*

47. *Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Gabon, Germany, Israel, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Namibia, Pakistan, Romania, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term which would begin at the organizational meeting of the Commission's seventeenth session, in 2008, and expire at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session, in 2011.*

48. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Sustainable Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States and one member from the Group of Western European and other States for a three-year term which would begin at the organizational meeting of the Commission's seventeenth session, in 2008, and expire at the close of the Commission's nineteenth session, in 2011.

49. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination
(E/2007/9/Add.1)

50. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

51. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Niger had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bangladesh, China and the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States and Jamaica had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

52. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to nominate them for election by the General Assembly.

53. *It was so decided.*

54. *Bangladesh, China, Jamaica, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Niger and the Republic of Korea were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

55. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other nominees for the upcoming vacancies on the Committee for Programme and Coordination, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the nomination of two members from the Group of Western European and other States.

56. *It was so decided.*

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
(E/2007/9/Add.2; E/2007/9/Add.8; E/2007/9/Add.9; E/2007/9/Add.10 and E/2007/48)

57. **The President** said that, in light of his consultations with the Bureau pursuant to Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2001/316, he had decided to appoint the following eight experts to the Permanent Forum for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008: Hassan Id Balkassm (Morocco), Margaret Lokawua (Uganda), Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines), Lars-Anders Baer (Sweden), Elisa Canqui Mollo (Bolivia), Pavel Sulyandziga (Russian Federation), Tonya Gonnella Frichner (United States of America) and Michael Dodson (Australia).

58. He invited the Council to elect the remaining eight members of the Permanent Forum, also for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

59. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria) and Ali Daouda (Niger) had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Qin Xiaomei (China) and Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran) had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Merike Kokajev (Estonia) and A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Carlos Mamani Condori (Bolivia) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain) and Carsten Smith (Norway) had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

60. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the Asian States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

61. *It was so decided.*

62. *Carlos Mamani Condori (Bolivia); Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran); Qin Xiaomei (China); Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain); and Carsten Smith (Norway) were elected members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

63. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, two members from the Group of African States and one member from the Group of Eastern European States.

64. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Farfán (El Salvador) and Ms. Clough (United Kingdom) acted as tellers.*

65. *A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect the members from the Group of African States.*

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	

Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	46
Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria)	31
Ali Daouda (Niger)	28

66. *Having obtained the required majority, Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo) and Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria) were elected members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

67. *A vote was taken by secret ballot to elect the members from the Group of Eastern European States.*

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)	27
Merike Kokajev (Estonia)	26

68. *Having obtained the required majority, A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation) was elected a member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

United Nations Children's Fund (E/2007/9/Add.3)

69. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

70. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Zimbabwe had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China and the Islamic Republic of Iran had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Romania and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Antigua and Barbuda and Haiti had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Greece, Japan and the Netherlands had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

71. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

72. *It was so decided.*

73. *Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Greece, Haiti, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the Netherlands, Romania, the Russian Federation and Zimbabwe were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

74. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Denmark, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland and Turkey were resigning their seats on the Executive Board of UNICEF, effective 1 January 2008. Austria had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Portugal, whose term expired on 31 December 2009; Finland had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Denmark, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2008; Germany had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Ireland, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2009; Norway had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Switzerland, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2008; and Spain had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Turkey, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2008. He took it that the Council wished to elect Austria, Finland, Germany, Norway and Spain to the Executive Board of UNICEF for the aforementioned terms of office.

75. *It was so decided.*

76. *Austria, Finland, Germany, Norway and Spain were elected members of the Executive Board of UNICEF.*

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/RES/61/136)

77. **The President** drew attention to General Assembly resolution 61/136, in which the Assembly had decided to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 70 to 72 seats and had requested the Council to elect the two new members.

78. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the proposed candidates for election to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were Costa Rica and Estonia.

79. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

80. *It was so decided.*

81. *Costa Rica and Estonia were elected members of the Executive Committee of the programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.*

82. **The President** drew attention to documents E/2006/92 and E/2007/11, in which the Governments of Benin and Luxembourg, respectively, had requested that the Council consider expanding the membership of the Executive Committee. Those requests would be considered by the Council at its substantive session in July.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund
(E/2007/9/Add.4)

83. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

84. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of Korea had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Azerbaijan and Slovakia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Colombia and Haiti had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia, Ireland, Italy and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

85. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies in all regional groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

86. *It was so decided.*

87. *Australia, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Ireland, Italy, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of Korea, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

88. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were resigning their seats on the Board effective 1 January 2008. France had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Germany, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2009; Iceland had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Belgium, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2008; the Netherlands had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Greece, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2009; Sweden had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Spain, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2009; and Switzerland had been endorsed to complete the term of office of the United Kingdom, whose term of office expired on 31 December 2008. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation France, Iceland, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for the aforementioned terms of office.

89. *It was so decided.*

90. *France, Iceland, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland were elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme
(E/2007/9/Add.5)

91. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

92. **Ms. Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burundi and Sudan had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Thailand had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Cuba had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Australia and Norway had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

93. **The President** said that since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

94. *It was so decided.*

95. *Australia, Burundi, Cuba, Norway, the Sudan and Thailand were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

96. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that New Zealand was resigning its seat on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme effective 1 January 2008.

97. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Belgium had been endorsed to complete the term, which expired on 31 December 2009.

98. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Belgium to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme to complete New Zealand's term of office.

99. *It was so decided.*

100. *Belgium was elected to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme to complete the term of office of New Zealand.*

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS) (E/2007/9/Add.6)

101. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

102. **Ms de. Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Ethiopia and Mauritania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States and the Islamic Republic of Iran had also informed that Group and the Council of its candidacy; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Guatemala had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Monaco and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

103. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

104. *It was so decided.*

105. *Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Mauritania, Monaco, the Russian Federation and the United States were elected by acclamation to the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.*

106. **The President** invited the Council to take action on an outstanding vacancy on the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS from the Western European and other States Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.

107. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Italy had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

108. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Italy by acclamation to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009.

109. *It was so decided.*

110. *Italy was elected by acclamation to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS for a term beginning that day and expiring on 31 December 2009.*

111. **The President** said the Council had been informed that Australia, Belgium and Sweden were resigning or had resigned their seats on the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS. Luxembourg had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Belgium, whose term of office would begin on 1 January 2008 and expire on 31 December 2009; New Zealand had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Australia, whose term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2008; and Switzerland had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Sweden, whose term of office would begin on 1 July 2007 and expire on 31 December 2009. He took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Luxembourg, New Zealand and Switzerland to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS for the aforementioned terms of office.

112. *It was so decided.*

113. *Luxembourg, New Zealand and Switzerland were elected by acclamation to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS.*

114. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidate for election to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

115. *It was so decided.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2007/9/Add.7)

116. **The President** invited the Council to elect 19 members to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

117. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burkina Faso, Kenya, Swaziland and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bahrain, India, Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Romania and Serbia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Honduras had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Germany had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

118. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

119. *It was so decided.*

120. *Burkina Faso, Kenya, Swaziland, Zambia, Bahrain, India, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Romania, Serbia, Honduras and Germany were elected to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

121. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of one member from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States; two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and three members from the Group of Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008.

122. *It was so decided.*

123. **The President** said that he also wished to remind the Council that one vacancy remained on the Governing Council from the Group of Asian States for a term expiring on 31 December 2008, for which no candidate had yet been proposed.

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

124. **The President** invited the Council to turn its attention to the two outstanding vacancies on the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

125. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) said that Belarus and Slovakia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States.

126. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Belarus and Slovakia by acclamation to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for a term beginning that day and expiring on 31 December 2009.

127. *It was so decided.*

128. *Belarus and Slovakia were elected by acclamation to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, which filled the remaining vacancies on the Executive Board.*

129. **The President** recalled that there remained one outstanding vacancy on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and 10 vacancies on the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting. The relevant regional groups were requested to submit nominees for those seats as soon as possible.

The meeting rose at 11.45 a.m.

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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2007/2/Rev.1 and E/2007/12; E/2007/L.1, L.3, L.4 and L.5)

Draft decision E/2007/L.3: Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development

1. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision contained in document E/2007/L.3, which had been submitted on the basis of informal consultations conducted by the Permanent Missions of Iceland and Algeria.

2. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Council) noted that the heading of the draft decision should also reflect the name of Vice-President of the Council Youcef Yousfi (Algeria) in addition to that of Hjálmar Hannesson (Iceland).

3. *Draft decision E/2007/L.3, as orally revised, was adopted.*

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session

4. **The President** drew attention to two draft decisions submitted by Vice-President of the Council Léo Mérorès (Haiti) on the basis of informal consultations.

Draft decision E/2007/L.4: Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in the tenth and eleventh sessions of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

5. *Draft decision E/2007/L.4 was adopted.*

Draft decision E/2007/L.5: Participation of business sector entities including the private sector in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

6. *Draft decision E/2007/L.5 was adopted.*

7. **Mr. Shimada** (Japan) said that his delegation had joined the consensus on draft decision E/2007/L.5 on the understanding that the business-sector members of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) could participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development under either the procedure set forth in subparagraph (a) or the procedure set forth in subparagraph (b) of the decision, even though the words "ITU sector members" were not specifically mentioned.

8. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, thanked the representative of Austria and Vice-President Mérorès for their very successful facilitation efforts on the two decisions.

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77 (E/2007/L.1)

Draft decision IX: Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2007 substantive session of the Council

9. **The President** recalled that the executive secretaries of the regional commissions had proposed the theme "Regional dimension of strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through partnership for development at regional level" for the interregional discussion to be held during the Council's 2007 substantive session. During extensive informal consultations many amendments had been proposed, but none of the proposals had met with consensus. In order to resolve the issue, he would suggest one of two approaches. The Council could either follow its traditional practice of accepting the theme proposed by the regional commissions, or it could invite the regional commissions to have a dialogue on the two themes already agreed upon by the Council for its substantive session.

10. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group was ready to accept the theme proposed by the regional commissions with a slight modification, already agreed upon in relation to the theme for the annual ministerial review: instead of "through partnership for development" the phrase should read "through the global partnership for development".

11. **Mr. Graf** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the European Union had stated on many occasions that the Council should follow its long-standing tradition of taking up the regional cooperation theme proposed by the executive secretaries of the regional commissions. That approach had been very useful in the past and had added value to the dialogue between the Council and the regional commissions, which had the best insight into what they could contribute to the high-level segment.

12. **The President** said that, since there was still no consensus on the original proposal of the regional commissions, his specific proposal was that the Council should adopt an oral decision with the following wording:

> "The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2007 substantive session of the Council will be 'Regional dimension of the themes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council's 2007 substantive session'."

13. The decision would include a footnote indicating the theme for the thematic discussion, "Strengthening efforts at all levels to promote pro-poor sustained economic growth, including through equitable macroeconomic policies", and the theme for the annual ministerial review, "Strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development".

14. The Council could thus capitalize on its work in arriving at those themes. Moreover, focusing on two themes would make the work of its substantive session more productive and achieve greater coherence between the Council and the regional commissions. The decision could set a precedent that would avoid a similar impasse in future years.

15. **Mr. Miller** (United States of America) said that his delegation found the President's proposal acceptable and a useful precedent for future years.

16. **Mr. Graf** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that the Union still preferred the original proposal of the regional commissions, but in a spirit of flexibility it might be able to agree to the President's proposal.

17. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, asked for time for consultations within the group.

The meeting was suspended at 3.45 p.m. and resumed at 4.25 p.m.

18. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group was ready to accept the theme proposed by the President with one slight change: "regional dimension of" should be replaced by "regional perspective on". It was flexible on that point, on the understanding that the decision would not be taken as a precedent for determining the regional cooperation theme in future years.

19. **Mr. Graf** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that he did not understand the logic of substituting "perspective" for "dimension". "Regional dimension" seemed to cover exactly what should be dealt with in the dialogue with the regional commissions.

20. **Mr. Miller** (United States of America) said that his delegation also did not understand the logic of the amendment. While the various regional commissions might offer a regional perspective on the themes in question, the dialogue between the regional commissions and the Council did not stop there. The Council itself was a global body in a position to give a global perspective on what was done in a region.

The meeting was suspended at 4.45 p.m. and resumed at 5 p.m.

21. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan) and **Mr. Graf** (Germany) reiterated the positions of their respective groups.

22. **Mr. Maksimychev** (Russian Federation) proposed as a compromise solution that "regional dimension" should be replaced by "regional aspects".

The meeting was suspended at 5.05 p.m. and resumed at 5.30 p.m.

23. **The President** said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to adopt his proposed oral draft decision as amended by the Russian Federation.

24. *Draft decision IX, as orally amended, was adopted.*

25. **Mr. Maksimychev** (Russian Federation) explained that his amendment had been inspired by a suggestion by the representative of Canada.

26. **Mr. Khan** (Pakistan), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the Group had joined the consensus on the understanding that it would not constitute a precedent and that, in the future, themes would continue to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

27. **The President** invited the Council to resume its consideration of recommendation 2 of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth

session (E/2006/33), concerning the graduation of Samoa from the list of least developed countries. Since it was his understanding that more time was required for negotiations, the Council would revert to that matter at a subsequent formal meeting.

28. **Ms. Houngbedji** (Benin), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, asked for clarification of the arrangements for the additional meeting and wondered in particular whether it would form part of the resumed organizational session.

29. **The President** reiterated that, since a number of delegations had requested additional time to consider the question of the graduation of Samoa, the Council would revert to that issue at another formal meeting, to be held in due course. He recalled that all formal meetings of the Council convened before the start of the substantive session were regarded as part of the resumed organizational session.

30. **Ms. Houngbedji** (Benin), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that she could agree to the President's proposal on the understanding that such agreement was without prejudice to either the outcome of the negotiations or the outcome of the forthcoming formal meeting. The Group of 77 and China took the view that any decision concerning the recommendation of the Committee for Development Policy on the graduation of Samoa should be adopted by the Council at its substantive session.

31. **The President**, responding to a question raised by **Mr. Miller** (United States of America), recalled that, in its decision 2006/266, the Council had decided to defer consideration of recommendation 2, concerning Samoa, contained in the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session, to its organizational session of 2007. It was his understanding that all delegations had agreed to devote additional time to the consideration of that recommendation, and he therefore expressed the hope that any outstanding issues would be resolved expeditiously so that the Council could fulfil its mandate and take a decision on the graduation of Samoa.

32. **Mr. Graf** (Germany), speaking on behalf of the European Union, said that decision 2006/266 should form the basis of the Council's work on the matter at issue. It was quite clear from that decision that the Council should deal with the question of the graduation of Samoa at its organizational session.

The meeting rose at 5.50 p.m.